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SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNAVAILABLE **DUE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

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(HELENA) --- Montana's unemployment rates for September and October are delayed due to the federal government shutdown. Data from both months will be released on November 22.

The Montana Department of Labor and Industry partners with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to produce Montana's labor market statistics. During the federal government shutdown, all data collection and production ceased, preventing the development of Montana's economic information. Unemployment rates for future months may also be delayed.

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